Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A method of providing a machinereadable indicia on a media having a protective overlayer comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a [1st] <u>first</u> machine-readable indicia in an image layer on said media; and
- b) providing a [2nd] <u>second</u> machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said [1st] <u>first</u> machine-readable indicia in said image layer.
- 2. (currently amended) A method of providing indicia on a media having a protective overlayer comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a $[1^{st}]$ first machine-readable indicia in an image layer on said media; and
- b) providing a [2nd] <u>second</u> machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said [1st] <u>first</u> machine-readable indicia in said image layer.